

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #: SB0327**

**Title: Increase fee for re-recording livestock mark or brand**

**Primary**

**Sponsor: Gerry Devlin**

**Status: As introduced**

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2000 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2001 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$28,125	0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
State Special Revenue	\$81,600	\$4,538,500
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
X		Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The current fee for brand or mark recording and re-recording is \$50 which is set by the Board of Livestock in the Montana Administrative Rule (ARM) as authorized by 81-3-107(1), MCA.
2. This legislation will establish a new fee for brand or mark recording or re-recording at \$100.
3. Brands and/or marks are re-recorded every ten years.
4. New brands are recorded when appropriate and previously recorded brands can be transferred when needed.
5. Brands are re-recorded every ten years.
6. After all expenses of re-recording are paid, 10% of the balance may be expended in any fiscal year.

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7. It is estimated that there will be 816 new brands and brand transfers in calendar year 2000.
8. During calendar year 1998 there were 75,642 brand owners. It is assumed that there will be the same number of brand owners during the 2001 re-record.
9. During the 1991 re-record, 60% of all brand owners re-recorded their brands. It is assumed that in 2001, 60% of all brand owners will re-record their brands.
10. Computations:  
 FY2000 816 new brands and transfers x \$100 each = \$81,600  
 FY2001 75,642 brand owners x .60 = 45,385 brand owners re-recording @ \$100 ea. = \$4,538,520
11. For purposes of CI-75, the incremental cost for the Secretary of State's Office (SoS) Voter Information Packet (VIP) is \$6,195 plus county distribution costs of \$21,930 for a total of \$28,125. The SoS is to receive a general fund appropriation of this amount and the Department of Livestock will reimburse the general fund from the state special revenue approved by this issue. A statewide, non-general election has a base cost of \$690,000 for the counties and \$46,987 for the state for total general fund of \$736,987. Per 1-2-112, MCA, county costs must be funded by the Legislature.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
<b>Secretary of State</b>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	6,195	
Transfers (to counties)	<u>21,930</u>	
TOTAL	28,125	
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	28,125	
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	0	
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$28,125)	

**Department of Livestock:**

<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Transfers (to general fund)	28,125	
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$81,600	\$4,538,520
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$53,475	\$4,538,520

**TECHNICAL NOTES:**

1. Perhaps the bill should be amended to allow the department to charge a \$100 fee to record, re-record, and transfer any mark or brand, rather than continuing the \$50 fee set by rule in Section 1 (1).